

# SAINT ANN — OF — SCRANTON

EIGHTH EDITION

Compiled by

THE PASSIONIST FATHERS



## INDULGENCES GRANTED BY POPE PIUS XII

### MOST HOLY FATHER:

The Very Reverend Father Rector of the Monastery of the Congregation of the Passion in the diocese of Scranton, U. S. A., prostrates at the feet of Your Holiness and humbly makes known that in the Monastery Church of St. Ann, solemn supplications are offered on Monday of each week throughout the year in honor of its titular Saint [St. Ann]. That this devotion may daily increase for the good of souls, he petitions the following indulgences:—

I. A PARTIAL INDULGENCE of seven years and seven quarantines to be gained by the faithful of Christ, if with a contrite heart, they attend the aforesaid devotions.

II. A PLENARY INDULGENCE to be obtained, under the ordinary conditions, by all the faithful who assist at these devotions for nine consecutive Mondays.

Renewed Oct. 31, 1946

THE SACRED APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, in virtue of the faculties granted by His Holiness Pope Pius XII, graciously renews the favors thus requested for the next seven years. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

S. LUZIO

Regent

[Sealed]

Sacred Penitentiary

Cum permissu  
superiorum

CARROL RING, C.P.  
*Provincial*

Nihil Obstat

THOMAS J. McHUGH, LL.D.  
*Censor Librorum*

Imprimatur

✠ WILLIAM J. HAFEY, D.D.  
*Bishop of Scranton*

## HOW TO MAKE THE NOVENA

1. The Novena may be started on any Monday, but should be continued for nine consecutive Mondays. Attend one of the services each Monday. Those, however, who live at a distance may visit their own parish churches, or some other convenient church.
2. Receive Holy Communion at least once during the course of the Novena. This is most important, and may be fulfilled by receiving Holy Communion in one's own parish church on any day during the course of the nine Mondays.
3. The Novena may be offered for as many intentions as desired.
4. Join in the public prayers and in the singing of the hymns.

5. Write out your intentions and place them in one of the intention boxes. These intentions are left on Saint Ann's altar and are remembered in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass which is offered each Monday for all those making the Novena.
6. When a favor has been granted through the intercession of the Saint, a note of thanksgiving should be written and placed in the intention box. Although the name of the writer is not published, no acknowledgments will be recognized unless they bear the name and address of the writer.
7. Non-Catholics may make the Novena. They should attend the services and say the prescribed prayers or other prayers of their own choosing for nine consecutive Mondays.

## HOURS OF NOVENA SERVICES EVERY MONDAY

*Morning Devotions:* 8:30, 10:00.

*Afternoon Devotions:* 12:20, 3:30, 5:00 (this devotion is broadcast every Monday over radio station WGBI), 6:00.

*Evening Devotions:* 7:00, 8:00 (at which time Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is imparted), 9:00.

A special Novena Mass is offered each Monday for all the intentions handed in.

Confessions are heard during the 8:00 o'clock Mass and after each of the devotions.

During the week, confessions are heard and the blessing with the relics is imparted by the Priest in attendance at the Monastery parlor.

## THE NOVENA SERVICE

**I**N THE NAME of the Father and  
of the Son and of the Holy  
Ghost. Amen.

[Priest] Incline unto my aid, O God.

[People] O Lord make haste to help  
me.

[Priest] Let us pray.

[Priest and People Together] O Al-  
mighty God \* Father of mercies \*  
and Giver of all good gifts \* we kneel  
before Thee; to honor Thee in Thy  
Saints; and to seek their intercession  
in our many needs \* We are truly  
sorry for all our sins; and humbly ask  
Thy pardon \* Deign to grant our peti-  
tions \* and a full measure of the in-  
dulgences \* granted by Thy Vicar,  
the Pope \* and draw us ever nearer  
Thy Divine Heart \* Amen.

*All stand and join in singing the  
hymn to Our Blessed Mother*

(TURN TO PAGE 23)

## PRAYER TO SAINT ANN

[*Priest and People Together*] O

Glorious Saint Ann \* filled with compassion for those who invoke thee \* and with love for those who suffer \* heavily laden with the weight of my troubles \* I cast myself at thy feet and humbly beg of Thee \* to take the present affair \* which I recommend to Thee \* under Thy special protection \*

[*here mention silently your intention*]

Deign to recommend it to Thy daughter \* the Blessed Virgin Mary \* and lay it before the throne of Jesus \* so that He may bring it to a happy issue \* Cease not to intercede for me \* until my request is granted \* Above all, obtain for me \* the grace of one day beholding my God face to face \* and with thee and Mary and all the Saints praising and blessing Him for all eternity \* Amen.

Good Saint Ann \* Mother of her who is our Life, our Sweetness and our Hope \* pray to her for us \* and obtain our requests.

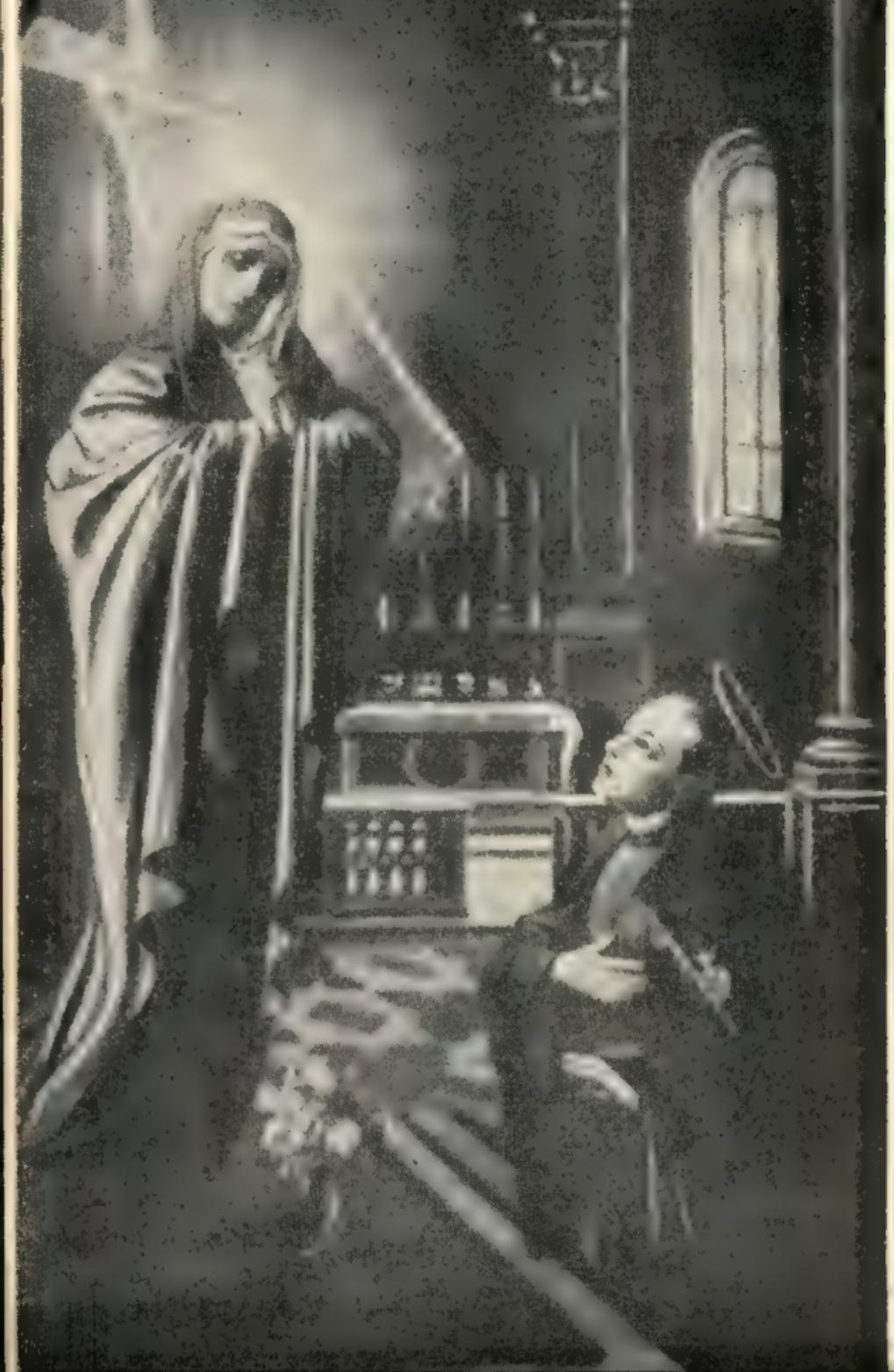
*Three times*



## PRAYER TO ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

O GLORIOUS ST. PAUL OF the Cross; thou who in meditating on the Passion of Jesus Christ \* didst attain to such a high degree of sanctity on earth \* and of happiness in heaven \* and didst, by preaching the same holy Passion \* offer to the world a most efficacious remedy for all its evils \* obtain for us that we may ever have that Passion; so deeply engraven on our hearts \* that we may gather similar fruits \* in time and in eternity \* Amen.

*300 days indulgence,  
once a day.*



## PRAYER IN HONOR OF SAINT GABRIEL

O God, who didst teach Saint Gabriel, Thy Confessor \* the constant remembrance of the Sorrows of Thy loving Mother \* and through Her didst crown him with the glory of sanctity and miracles \* grant us, by his intercession and example \* so to share with Thy Mother in Her sorrows \* that through Her maternal protection \* we may gain everlasting salvation \* Who liveth and reigneth forever and ever \* Amen.

*(Translated from the Roman Breviary)*

*One Our Father \* One Hail Mary \**

*One Gloria. Three Hail Marys*

**Good Saint Ann \* Pray for us**

*The Priest then blesses the Congregation  
with the relics. All stand and*

*Join in singing the Hymn to  
Saint Ann.*

## HYMN TO SAINT ANN

1. Hail Mother of Mary, O gracious Saint Ann,  
God's Marvelous Choice from the whole  
Race of man:  
[Chorus] O Good Saint Ann, St. Ann  
pray for us,  
O Good Saint Ann, Saint Ann pray for  
us!
2. Sweet Child of election, deemed worthy  
to bear.  
The Virgin of virgins, Christ's Mother  
most fair.  
[Chorus] O Good Saint Ann, etc.
3. Look Thou on our sorrows, give ear to  
our plaint,  
Behold our afflictions, O powerful Saint.  
[Chorus] O Good Saint Ann, etc.

# BENEDICTION WITH THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

## O SALUTARIS HOSTIA

1. O Sa-lu-ta-ri-s Hos-ti-a, Quae coe-l: pan-dis os-ti-um!  
Bel-la pre-munt hos-ti-li-a; da ro-bur fer au-xi-li-um.
2. U-ni tri-no-que Do-mi-no, sit sem-pi-ter-na glo-ri-a!  
Qui vi-tam si-ne ter-mi-no, no-bis do-net in Pa-tri-a:

A-men.

## TRANSLATION

1. O Saving Victim opening wide  
The gate of heaven to man below!  
Our foes press on from every side;  
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow!
2. To Thy great Name be endless praise,  
Immortal Godhead, One in Three!  
Oh, grant us endless length of days  
In our true native land with Thee. Amen.

## TANTUM ERGO

1. Tan-tum er-go Sa-cra-men-tum ve-ne-re-mur cer-nu-i.  
Et an-ти-quum do-cu-men-tum, no-vo ce-dat ri-tu-i:  
Prae-stet fi-des sup-ple-men-tum, sen-su-um de-fec-tu-i.
2. Ge-ni-to-ri Ge-ni-to-que laus et ju-bi-la-ti-o:  
Sa-lus, ho-nor, vir-tus quo-que sit et be-ne-dic-ti-o:  
Pro-ce-den-ti ab u-tro-que, com-par sit lau-da-ti-o.

Amen.

## TRANSLATION

1. Lowly bending, deep adoring,  
Lo, the Sacrament we hail!  
Types and shadows have their ending,  
Newer rites of grace prevail:  
Faith of all defects supplying  
Where the feeble senses fail.
2. Glory, honor, might, dominion,  
Be unto our God most high;  
To the Father, Son and Spirit,  
Ever blessed Trinity,  
Praise be given, and power eternal,  
Unto all eternity. Amen.

[Priest] Panem de coelo praestitisti eis.

(Thou dost give them Bread from heaven)

[All] Om-ne de-lec-ta-men-tum in se haben-  
tem.

(containing in itself all sweetness.)

[Priest] Oremus: Deus qui nobis sub sa-  
cramento mirabili Passionis tuae memo-  
riam reliquisti: tribue quae sumus; ita nos  
corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria  
venerari, ut redemtionis tuae fructum  
in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et  
regnas in saecula saeculorum.

Amen.

Let us pray: O God Who in this won-  
derful Sacrament hast left us a memorial of  
Thy Passion: grant us, we beseech Thee, so  
to venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body  
and Blood, that we may ever feel within us  
the fruit of Thy redemption. Who livest and  
reignest, world without end. Amen.



Prayers For  
The Annual Nine-Day  
Novena In Honor  
Of Saint Ann

VISIT TO A CRUCIFIX  
PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX  
THE WAY OF THE  
CROSS

# THE ANNUAL NINE-DAY NOVENA TO ST. ANN

## ORDER OF SERVICES

**I**N THE NAME of the Father and  
of the Son and of the Holy  
Ghost. Amen.

[Priest] Incline unto my aid, O God.

[People] O Lord make haste to help  
me.

[Priest] Let us pray.

[Priest and People Together] O Al-  
mighty God \* Father of mercies \*  
and Giver of all good gifts \* we kneel  
before Thee; to honor Thee in Thy  
Saints; and to seek their intercession  
in our many needs \* We are truly  
sorry for all our sins; and humbly ask  
Thy pardon \* Deign to grant our peti-  
tions \* and a full measure of the in-  
dulgences \* granted by Thy Vicar,  
the Pope \* and draw us ever nearer  
Thy Divine Heart \* Amen.

## PRAYER TO SAINT ANN, MOTHER OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**D**ITH A HEART full of sincere and filial veneration, I prostrate myself before Thee, O Blessed Saint Ann. Thou art that beloved and privileged creature who, because of thy extraordinary virtue and sanctity didst deserve of God that chief of graces, of giving life to the treasury of grace, the Blessed among women, the Mother of the Incarnate Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Ah! In consideration of such exalted favors, deign O most tender Saint, to receive me among the number of thy truly devoted servants, for such I profess myself to be and wish to remain for the rest of my life. Surround me with thy efficacious patronage, and obtain for me from God the imitation of those virtues with which thou wert so profusely adorned.

Obtain for me a knowledge of my sins and sorrow for them, an ardent love of Jesus and Mary, and a faithful and constant observance of the duties of my state in life. Save me from all dangers in life, and assist me at the hour of my death, that I may safely reach Paradise, there to praise with thee, most happy mother, the Word of God made man in the womb of thy most pure daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Amen.

*One our Father, One Hail Mary, One Glory  
be to the Father, Hymn: Mother of Christ.*



## MOTHER OF CHRIST

Mother of Christ! Mother of Christ!  
What shall I ask of Thee?  
I do not sigh for wealth of earth,  
For joys that fade and flee.  
But, Mother of Christ, Mother of  
Christ,  
This do I long to see,  
The Bliss untold, which Thine arms  
enfold.  
The Treasure upon Thy knee.

*Then the priest makes a few announcements of interest to those making the Novena, adding a few salutary words or reflections.*

## PRAYER TO SAINT ANN TO OBTAIN A SPECIAL FAVOR

[*Priest and People Together*] O Glorious Saint Ann \* filled with compassion for those who invoke thee \* and with love for those who suffer \* heavily laden with the weight of my troubles \* I cast myself at thy feet and humbly beg of Thee \* to take the present affair \* which I recommend to Thee \* under Thy special protection \*

[*here mention silently your intention*] Deign to recommend it to Thy daughter \* the Blessed Virgin Mary \* and lay it before the throne of Jesus \* so that He may bring it to a happy issue \* Cease not to intercede for me \* until my request is granted \* Above all, obtain for me \* the grace of one day beholding my God face to face \* and with thee and Mary and all the Saints praising and blessing Him for all eternity \* Amen.

*Three times*

Good Saint Ann \* Mother of her  
who is our Life, our Sweetness and  
our Hope \* pray to her for us \* and  
obtain our requests.

*One Our Father \* One Hail Mary*

**Good Saint Ann \* Pray for us**

*The Priest then blesses the Congregation  
with the relics. All stand and  
Join in singing the Hymn to Saint Ann*

### **HYMN TO SAINT ANN**

1. Hail Mother of Mary, O gracious Saint Ann,  
God's Marvelous Choice from the whole Race of man:  
*[Chorus]* O Good Saint Ann, St. Ann  
pray for us,  
O Good Saint Ann, Saint Ann pray for us!
2. Sweet Child of election, deemed worthy to bear.  
The Virgin of virgins, Christ's Mother most fair.  
*[Chorus]* O Good Saint Ann, etc.
3. Look Thou on our sorrows, give ear to our plaint,  
Behold our afflictions, O powerful Saint.  
*[Chorus]* O Good Saint Ann, etc.

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER TO SAINT ANN

**G**LORIOUS and holy Saint Ann, whom the heavens admire, whom the Saints honor and the earth reveres, God the Father loves thee as the mother of His beloved daughter; the Son of God loves thee for having given Him a Mother; from whom He took His life and became Saviour of Mankind; the Holy Ghost loves thee for having given Him so beautiful, so worthy and so perfect a Spouse; the angels and the elect honor thee as the mother of their sovereign; the just, the penitent and the sinner consider thee their powerful advocate before God, for by thy intercession the just hope for an increase of grace, the penitent for their justification, and sinners for the remission of their sins.

**B**E Kind Then and Generous,  
and while we invoke thee here  
below pray for us in heaven. Use in  
our favor the great influence thou  
hast before God, and permit not that  
those who know thee be lost. Show  
thyself always the refuge of sinners,  
the consolation of the afflicted, and  
give us the pledge of thy kindness.  
Defend our cause now and at the  
hour of our death.

This we pray thee by all the love  
which thou hast for our Lord and for  
His Mother, thy daughter, that thus  
sustained by thy prayers, we may one  
day possess eternal life. Amen.



## VISIT TO A CRUCIFIX

**S**WEET JESUS, for how many ages hast Thou hung upon Thy cross, and still men pass Thee by and regard Thee not, except to pierce anew Thy Sacred Heart. How often have I passed Thee by, heedless of Thy great sorrow, Thy many wounds, Thy infinite love! How often have I stood before Thee, not to comfort and console Thee, but to add to Thy sorrow, to deepen Thy wounds, to scorn Thy love! Thou hast stretched forth Thy hands to comfort me, to raise me up, and I have taken those hands that might have struck me into hell and have bent them back on the Cross and nailed them there, rigid and helpless. Yet I have but succeeded in engraving my name in Thy palms

forever! Thou hast loved me with an infinite love and I have taken advantage of that love to sin the more against Thee; yet my ingratitude has but pierced Thy Sacred Heart, and forth upon me has flowed Thy precious Blood. O sweet Jesus, let Thy blood be upon me, not for a curse, but for a blessing. Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon me!

## PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX



GOOD and sweetest Jesus, before Thy Face I humbly kneel, and with the greatest fervor of spirit I pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity, true sorrow for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment, whilst I consider Thy five most Precious Wounds, having before my eyes the words of David, the Prophet, concerning Thee, my Jesus: "they have pierced My Hands and My Feet, they have numbered all My Bones." *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be, etc., for the Holy Father's Intention, to gain a Plenary Indulgence after Communion.*

## THE WAY OF THE CROSS

The Novena clients are earnestly exhorted to make the Way of the Cross as a most practical expression of their love for Jesus crucified.

In order to make the Stations of the Cross and to gain the indulgences granted by Holy Church, it is not necessary to say prayers nor to read meditations before each Station. All that is required is to visit each Station, and to think at the same time on the sufferings of Jesus.

Those who may be hindered from visiting a church, in order to say the Stations may gain the indulgences attached to this devotion by holding in their hand a crucifix especially blessed for the purpose (all crucifixes blessed at the Monday devotions are

thus indulgenced), and saying twenty times the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and the Glory be to the Father—fourteen times in honor of the Stations, five times in honor of our Lord's Five Wounds, and once for the intentions of our Holy Father the Pope.

*Indulgences granted for Stations by Pope Pius XI October 20th, 1931.*

*Plenary indulgence to be gained as often as one makes the Stations.*

*Plenary indulgence if Communion be received on the day Stations are made or if Communion be received on any day during the month following, provided Stations were made 10 times.*

*Partial indulgence of 10 years and 10 times 40 days for each Station visited if one has to interrupt saying of stations.*

## FIRST STATION

*Jesus is Condemned to Death*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how Pilate condemned the innocent Jesus to death, and how thy Redeemer submitted to this sentence, to free thee from the sentence of everlasting death.

O Jesus! I thank Thee for this Thy great love, and I beseech Thee to take back the sentence of everlasting death which I have deserved by my sins, so that I may be made worthy to attain to everlasting life.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.*]

## SECOND STATION

*Jesus is made to bear His Cross*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how Jesus took upon His shoulders the Cross which thy many sins made so heavy.

O Jesus, grant me the grace not to make Thy Cross heavier by new sins, and cheerfully to carry my own cross in a true spirit of penance.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.*]

### THIRD STATION

#### *Jesus Falls the First Time*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how Jesus, overcome by weariness and pain, fell to the ground under the heavy weight of the Cross.

O Jesus! my falls into sin caused Thee this fall. Grant that I may never renew Thy pain by a relapse into mortal sin.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.*]

## FOURTH STATION

*Jesus Meets His Blessed Mother*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider the anguish which filled the hearts of Jesus and Mary at this sorrowful meeting. It was thy sins that caused the Son and the Mother this affliction.

O Jesus! excite in me, through the intercession of Thy Holy Mother, a lively sorrow for my sins, that I may bewail them my whole life long, and in the hour of death may I find favor with Thee.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.*]

## FIFTH STATION

*The Cross is Laid on Simon of Cyrene*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how the Jews, seeing that Jesus was no longer able to drag His Cross along, compelled Simon of Cyrene to carry it after Him.

O Jesus! I ought to carry the Cross, because I have sinned. Give me the grace at least to accompany Thee on the way to Calvary, and for the love of Thee cheerfully to bear the Cross of adversities.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.*]

#### SIXTH STATION

*Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how this woman tried to alleviate the sufferings of Jesus, and how He rewarded her by leaving the print of His sacred face on the towel she had in her hands.

O Jesus! grant me the grace to cleanse my soul from all its defilements and

imprint deep in my heart and mind the remembrance of Thy holy sufferings.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.*]

### SEVENTH STATION

*Jesus Falls the Second Time*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider the sufferings Jesus endures in this second fall. Thou hast been the cause of them, by thy frequent relapses into sin.

O Jesus! I stand before Thee full of shame. Give me the grace so to arise from my sins, as never again to fall back into them.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.*]

### EIGHTH STATION

*Jesus Speaks to the Women  
of Jerusalem*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross  
Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how Jesus exhorts these women to weep, not for Him but for themselves; thus He teaches thee to weep more for thy sins than for His sufferings.

O Jesus! give me tears of true contrition, that the sorrow I feel for Thy sufferings may be profitable to me.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.*]

### NINTH STATION

*Jesus Fall the Third Time*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross  
Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how Jesus falls the third time, enduring excruciating pain, to atone for thy obstinacy in continually committing new sins.

O Jesus! now I am firmly resolved to give up sin forever so as not to cause Thee new suffering. Strengthen me

in this resolution, and by Thy grace  
make it efficacious.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the  
Father, etc.*]

## TENTH STATION

*Jesus is Stripped, and Receives  
Gall to Drink*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and  
we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross  
Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider the shame Jesus endured  
in being stripped of His garments, and  
the bitterness of the wine, mixed with  
myrrh and gall, which they caused  
Him to drink. Thus He atoned for  
thy immodesty, and thy intemperance  
in eating and drinking.

O Jesus! I am sorry for all the sins  
I have committed by sensuality. I  
promise with Thy assistance, not to  
renew Thy shame and suffering, and  
to live henceforward in modesty and  
temperance.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the  
Father, etc.*]

## ELEVENTH STATION

*Jesus is Nailed to the Cross*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and  
we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross  
Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider the dreadful sufferings Jesus  
endured, when the Romans stretched  
His bleeding body on the Cross, and  
fastened it thereon, with nails through  
His sacred hands and feet.

O Jesus! Thou didst suffer this for  
me; and should I suffer nothing for  
Thee? Fasten my obstinate will to  
Thy Cross. I firmly resolve never  
more to offend Thee, and for the love  
of Thee to suffer everything.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the  
Father, etc.*]

## TWELFTH STATION

*Jesus Dies on the Cross*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and  
we bless Thee.

**R.** Because by Thy holy Cross  
Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how Jesus, after three hours' agony, dies on the Cross for thy salvation.

O Jesus! since Thou has sacrificed Thy life for me, it is but just that I should spend the rest of my life for Thee. And this I firmly purpose to do. Only grant me, by the merits of Thy death, the grace to put my resolution into practice.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.*]

### THIRTEENTH STATION

*Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross*

**V.** We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee.

**R.** Because by Thy holy Cross  
Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider the grief of the Mother of God, when she takes into her arms the Body of her Divine Son, lifeless, cold and stained with blood.

O most holy Virgin, obtain for me  
the grace never more to crucify Jesus,  
thy Son and my Lord.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.*]

## FOURTEENTH STATION

*Jesus is Laid in the Sepulchre*

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and  
we bless Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy Cross  
Thou hast redeemed the world.

Consider how the most sacred Body  
of Jesus was laid, with the greatest  
reverence, in the tomb.

O Jesus! I thank Thee for all Thou  
hast suffered in order to redeem me;  
and I beseech Thee that I may prepare  
myself to receive worthily, in Holy  
Communion, the Body which Thou  
hast given for me.

[*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father, etc.*]



## THE HOLY MASS

**D**HILE devotion to God's Saints is praiseworthy, and Novenas in their honor have the blessing and approval of the Church, these devotions are not to be compared with the sublime Sacrifice of the Mass. In this adorable Sacrifice, Christ our Eternal High-Priest gathers together in His embrace, the sufferings, the sorrows, the prayers, and the sacrifices of all of us, and presents them to the Triune God, united with His timeless offering of Himself, His representation of His Passion, His everlasting oblation. For Catholics, now as always, it is the MASS THAT MATTERS.

**D**E URGE upon the Novena clients, therefore, as an integral part of their Novena, the frequent attendance at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We remind them that in the Mass they are privileged to offer *with Christ* His everlasting Sacrifice of the Cross. If the clients of Saint Ann, Saint Paul of the Cross and Saint Gabriel desire to become really acceptable to God, let them seek to assist at Holy Mass whenever they possibly can do so. By this means, more than any other will they give supreme glory to God and render themselves truly acceptable to Him.

## PASSIONIST PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

Members of the Purgatorial Society are enrolled as Benefactors of the Passionist Order and share in the following spiritual benefits:

1. Mass is offered every day for all the members.
2. Twenty High Masses are sung each year on certain feasts for the LIVING MEMBERS.
3. Mass and the Office of the Dead are applied every month for the DECEASED MEMBERS. Also a High Mass of Requiem and the Office of the Dead during the Octave of All Souls in all our Monasteries.
4. All members share in the prayers, penances and good works of our Religious. Moreover, special prayers are said daily by each Community for our Benefactors.

Persons, both living and dead, may be enrolled as members of this Society.

As the membership is perpetual it is not necessary to give notice of the death of living members.

The offering for perpetual membership is five dollars.

Persons may be enrolled by mail.

*Address:*

VERY REV. FR. RECTOR, C.P.

St. Ann's Monastery

Scranton, Pa.

PRINTED BY  
MANUS LANGAN PRESS, SCRANTON, PENNA.

